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Edip wrote:

> I gave some examples of such motives but you ignored them by a silly Martian remark. Soundbites might save ones career in political arena, church, or mosque but not in the market place of ideas. You ignore the fact that many Islamic and Hislamic scholars have written volumes of books to identify and expose the piles of stories imported from Jewish Mishna, Gamarra and Old Testament, which were called ISRAILIYAT. Sunni and Shiite Muslims adopted many Jewish stories and practices via those imported Jewish and Christian fabrications. Knowingly or out of ignorance, you wish to blame Muhammad and Quran for the deeds of their enemies, that is the fabricators and followers of hadith (6:112-115)!

I did not ignore your argument. But do not buy it. They are ratified in the Quran. Blaming the Jews for fabricating these hadiths is indeed very Islamic. Muslims blame even the 9/11 on the Jews. Dr. Mahathir, the ex Prime Minister of Malaysia thought that 12 million Jews control the rest of mankind and rule over 1.2 billion Muslims by proxy. Only Muslims are so paranoid that they can indulge in these kinds of fantasies. It would have been impossible for the Jews who were banished and massacred to have taken control of the Islamic academia and have written all those incriminatory hadiths without any Muslim ever noticing the plot. Even if they could have done such thing through an undisclosed technique of mind control, I see no gain for the Jews and the Christians to fabricate hadiths that would make them more vulnerable to Islamic violence. It would have made more sense if they fabricated hadiths saying Muhammad said respect, love and serve the Jews and never hurt them. It is just ludicrous to think that Jews entered in the house of every Muslim who had a book of history and replaced it with a fabricated one without any Muslim noticing it. If Jews are capable of that may be you should worship them. They certainly seem to be more powerful than Muhammad, for having hijacked his religion without any bloodshed and without anyone noticing.

Stoning

For instance, the Quran does not contain STONING TO DEATH as punishment for adultery. Guess what we discover when we search the source of this punishment? We learn that it was the practice of Jews and ancient pagans. The so-called converted Jewish scholars inserted their distorted Biblical practice into Islam by fabricating hadith and fictional chains of narrators. In order to defend that hadith against the objections of early Muslims, they even went further by fabricating Quranic verses that do not exist in the Quran.

How a verse instructing such a big punishment would be removed from the Quran? Well, there is no limit for imagination of clergymen, and there is no shortage of gullible people. The "authentic" hadith books justify the so-called "literal-but-not-legal" abrogation of the stoning verses by the following story: "After the Prophet Muhammad's departure, a hungry holy goat ate the skin where those verses were written on!"

Now, you would like us to believe the first half of this Jewish story and ignore the other half! Circumcision is another of numerous Jewish practices that were centuries later imported to Islamic faith, after the fertile era of hadith fabrication ended. They imported that bloody Jewish practice via sectarian jurisprudence. But, you wish to take Muhammad and Quran responsible for this unnecessary and harmful Jewish practice that has survived until modern times.

You are right. Stoning is based on hadith (1, 2, 3). The punishment of stoning is not prescribed in the Quran. But can we discard it altogether?

Stoning the adulterers is a law ordained in Deuteronomy 22:23. What Muhammad said about this Book? He said:

46.12
”And before this, was the Book of Moses as a guide and a mercy: And this Book confirms (it) in the Arabic tongue; to admonish the unjust, and as Glad Tidings to those who do right.

Elsewhere he said:

21:7 And We sent not (as Our messengers) before thee other than men, whom We inspired. Ask the followers of the Reminder if ye know not?

Muslim scholars, therefore, instructed by these verses, use Judaic laws wherever Islamic laws are not clear. Muhammad acknowledged that Moses was inspired and that the Quran confirms the Torah. Therefore even if you deny the Sunna still the Judaic law is to be applied.

Now, you may say this is a misunderstanding of the ulama. That does not seem to be the case but if so, the fault is with the Quran for not being clear on this mater and for telling Muslims that the Quran is a confirmation of that book without explicitly saying which parts of the Torah is abrogated. So if Muslims are misled, Muhammad is responsible.

Here, I am going to touch them with my fingers by tickling the twenty-six letters and punctuation marks of the loyal keyboard of my Muslim laptop. I hope some of these letters will touch your heart, if you have any, and mind too, and perform some remote healing

I am not an Evangelical Christian or a Hislamic who believe blindly (euphemistically: on faith) in the claims of someone because they just trust that person or the chain of trust that goes back for many generations. If I were a comrade of Muhammad, I would perhaps have some idea about his character and intelligence, but hey, I came to the world centuries after him and I am not even an Arab. I cannot trust any person whom I have not seen and lived together especially in a matter that involve my eternal salvation. I may not even be hundred percent sure about the trustworthiness of any person, even if I share the same room with them for all my life. Even if I trust someone hundred percent, that does not mean whatever that person is claiming is true. Many people whose honesty we may not reasonably doubt, yet they may honestly assert nonsensical claims, believe in their hallucinations, superstitious and false ideas.

So dear Ali, as a philosopher, I demand extraordinary evidence for extraordinary claims. If trusting Muhammad's character were the only thing I could have as evidence, I would not be considering myself of having even an ordinary evidence for Muhammad's extraordinary claims, let alone an extraordinary one. I would not be a Muslim. So, go and ask me the follow up question! Need a clue? Well, it starts with the following phrase: "Then why do you believe in…."

Okay, so please give us the reasons for which you believe in Muhammad.